

**BLAKELY
SOKOLOFF
TAYLOR &
ZAFMAN**
A LIMITED LIABILITY
PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING
LAW CORPORATIONS

1279 OAKMEAD PARKWAY
SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA 94085
(408) 720-8300 (Telephone)
(408) 720-8383 (Facsimile)

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 02 2004

~~OFFICIAL~~

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Deliver to: Examiner Jacob Lipman, Art Unit 2134
Firm Name: U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Fax Number: 703-746-7239
From: Joni Stutman-Horn **Operator:** Anne Collette
Date: July 2, 2004
App. No.: 09/675,976
No. of pages: 21 (including cover sheet)
Client/Matter: 042390.P7957 Docket Date: 7/5/2004 Atty: JDS

Dear Examiner:

Please find the following document(s) attached:

- 1) Fee Transmittal (1 page)
- 2) Response to Office Action (19 pages)

Thank you.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

By: Anne Collette
Anne Collette

Date: July 2, 2004

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE

The documents accompanying this facsimile transmission contain information from the law firm of Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman that is confidential or privileged. The information is intended to be for the use of the individual or entity named on this transmission sheet. If you are not the intended recipient, be aware that any disclosure, copying, distribution, or use of the contents of this faxed information is prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please notify us by telephone immediately so that we can arrange for the retrieval of the original documents at no cost to you.

**IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTY IN RECEIVING THE ABOVE PAGES,
PLEASE CALL (408) 720-8300 AND ASK FOR THE OPERATOR NAMED ABOVE.**

PTO/SB/17 (10-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$)	316.00
-------------------------	------	--------

Complete If Known

Application Number	09/675,978
Filing Date	September 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	Keith Shippy
Examiner Name	Jacob Lipman
Art Unit	2134
Attorney Docket No.	042390.P7957

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number	02-2686
Deposit Account Name	Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
 to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 180	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			316.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
38	-30% = 8	X 18	= 144
Independent Claims	8	-6% = 2	X 86 = 172
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 43	" Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		316.00

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 820*	1804 820*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 860	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

(Complete if applicable)

SUBMITTED BY	(Complete if applicable)		
Name (Print/Type)	Joni D. Stutman-Horn	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	42,173
Signature		Date	July 2, 2004

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Keith Shippy et al.

Application No.: 09/675,976
Docket No.: 042390.P7957

Filed: Sep. 29, 2000

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SAFEGUARDING
DATA BETWEEN A DEVICE DRIVER AND A DEVICE

Examiner: Jacob Lipman

Art Unit: 2134

VIA FAX (703) 746-7239

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 02 2004

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSEMail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450OFFICIAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2004, please reconsider the pending claims based on the following amendment.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

By: Anne Collette
Anne Collette

Date: July 2, 2004